



The Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

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Decision

Matter of: White Machine Company

File: B-227914

Date: July 17, 1987

DIGEST

Protester who did not submit a quotation under a request for quotations, even though it could have done so, would not be eligible for award if protest were resolved in its favor and, therefore, lacks the requisite direct economic interest to be considered an interested party under our Bid Protest Regulations.

DECISION

White Machine Company protests the placement of an order for a lateral carousel to Kardex Systems, Inc., by the United States Air Force under request for quotations (RFQ) No. F41650-87-Q-TF414. White contends that Kardex offered a carousel which does not meet the RFQ requirements.

We dismiss the protest.

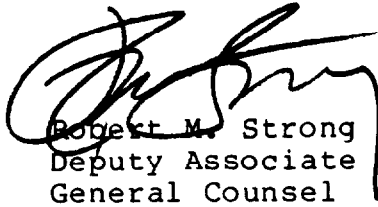
White indicates that it did not submit a quotation under the RFQ at issue. Rather, White states that a quotation was provided for White equipment by White's dealer, Professional Filing Systems. White states that this quotation was for White equipment listed on its GSA Supply Schedule contract.

Under our Bid Protest Regulations, a party must be interested before we will consider its protest allegations. In particular, our Regulations define an "interested party" as an actual or prospective offeror whose direct economic interest would be affected by the award of a contract or by the failure to award a contract. 4 C.F.R. § 21.0(a) (1986). Since White did not submit a quotation, even though it could have done so, it would not be eligible for award were we to

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resolve the protest in its favor and, therefore, it is not an interested party under our Regulations. Guerra Technical Sales, Inc., B-213343, Feb. 22, 1984, 84-1 CPD ¶ 221.

The protest is dismissed.



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